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Indiana Bat Summer Survey and Winter Habitat Assessment Report For Surface Mining Projects

Date: 8/16/2013

Project Information

KYFO No: 2012 - B - 0831

Project Name: Armstrong Coal Co, DNR # 892-9001

Location: Ohio Co., KY

Acreage: 303 acres suitable IN habitat

Mist Net Sites: 4

Surveyor: Peggy Meabiel

On Behalf of: THE

Exp. Date: June 21, 2013

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Kentucky Field Office (KYFO) has reviewed an Indiana Bat Summer Mist Net Survey and Winter Habitat Assessment report for the above-referenced project. No Indiana bats were captured and no potential Indiana bat winter habitat was identified onsite. We find the survey acceptable and believe that any potential effects to summer and/or winter habitat of the Indiana bat would not be attributable to the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) permitting process. Pursuant to the Range-wide Indiana Bat Protection and Enhancement Plan Guidelines (2009), the results of this survey are valid for a period of five years. These comments have been discussed and approved by Mr. Virgil Lee Andrews, Jr., Field Supervisor and therefore should be considered the comments of the KYFO. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (502) 695-0468, Ext. 103.

Sincerely,

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